

Egg Products

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Shell Eggs Broken Up 1 Percent from Last Year

Shell eggs broken totaled 172 million dozen during August 2009, up 1 percent from August a year ago, but 2 percent below the 175 million broken last month.

August 2009 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays. August 2008 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

During calendar year 2009 through August, shell eggs broken totaled 1,332 million dozen, down 2 percent from the comparable period in 2008. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2009 was 1,737 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2008.

Data presented in this report were compiled from Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) inspection reports. The best available data at the time of publication were used.

Shell Eggs Broken: Federally Inspected, United States, August 2009

Inspected Item	Aug 2008	Jul 2009 ¹	Aug 2009	Percent of	
				Aug 2008	Jul 2009
	<i>1,000 Dozen</i>	<i>1,000 Dozen</i>	<i>1,000 Dozen</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Shell Eggs Broken	170,424	175,241	171,809	101	98
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Edible Product from Shell Eggs Broken					
Whole	141,290	141,380	139,116	98	98
White	51,606	56,602	54,226	105	96
Yolk	26,746	28,823	28,630	107	99
Total	219,642	226,805	221,972	101	98
Inedible Product from Shell Eggs Broken	19,120	19,002	18,580	97	98

¹ Revised.

**Shell Eggs Broken: Federally Inspected, Cumulative,
United States, January-August, 2008-09**

Inspected Item	Period		2009 as % of 2008
	Jan-Aug, 2008	Jan-Aug, 2009	
	<i>1,000 Dozen</i>	<i>1,000 Dozen</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Shell Eggs Broken	1,363,099	1,331,619	98
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Edible Product from Shell Eggs Broken			
Whole	1,127,427	1,096,485	97
White	425,242	423,012	99
Yolk	225,062	217,789	97
Total	1,777,731	1,737,286	98
Inedible Product from Shell Eggs Broken	154,950	146,652	95

Reliability of Egg Product Estimates

Data Sources: Data for the "Egg Products" report are obtained from Egg Products Volume Reports (FSIS Form 5200-11) completed by inspectors of FSIS, USDA. FSIS is responsible for administering a mandatory inspection program for egg products under the authority of the Egg Products Inspection Act of 1970. The act and its associated regulations require that all commercial egg breaking and processing plants operate under continuous USDA supervision. Reports are currently received from approximately 60 plants in the United States. Plant management provides monthly volume data to the resident USDA inspector at the applicable plant.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late reports received by FSIS from plants. Revisions for the previous month and year-to-date totals are published in each monthly release.

Procedures and Reliability: FSIS reviews plant data for accuracy and completeness and provides NASS a data file. NASS reviews the data for unusual values. The egg products estimates are based on a census of all commercial egg breaking and processing plants, therefore, there are no statistical estimation and sampling errors.

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